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PLEASE AMEND THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Claims:

Enter replacement claims 245, 265, 266, 267, 275, 276 and 277 as follows:

245. (Amended) A composition comprising a primary nucleic acid component which upon introduction into a eukaryotic cell produces a secondary nucleic acid component which is capable of producing a nucleic acid product, or a tertiary nucleic acid component, or both, in said eukaryotic cell, wherein said primary nucleic acid component is not obtained with said secondary or tertiary component or said nucleic acid product.

265. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a nucleic acid component which when present in a cell produces a non-natural nucleic acid product, which product comprises (i) a cellular compartment localizing entity, and (ii) a nucleic acid sequence of interest.

266. (Amended) The composition of claim 265, wherein said cellular compartment localizing entity (i) is sufficient to permit localization of said non-natural nucleic acid product.

267. (Amended) The composition of claim 265, wherein said localizing entity (i) comprises a cytoplasmic or nuclear localization signalling sequence.

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275. (Amended) The composition of claim 273, wherein said non-natural nucleic acid product comprises antisense RNA or antisense DNA and said localizing entity (i) comprises a nuclear localization signalling sequence.

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276. (Amended) The composition of claim 273, wherein said non-natural nucleic acid product comprises antisense RNA or antisense DNA and said localizing entity (i) comprises a cytoplasmic localization signalling sequence.

277. (Amended) The composition of claim 273, wherein said non-natural nucleic acid product comprises sense RNA or sense DNA and said localizing entity (i) comprises a cytoplasmic localization signalling sequence.

Cancel claims 281 and 285.

Add new claims 314-316 as follows:

314. (NEW) A construct which when present in a cell produces a product, said construct being bound non-ionically to an entity comprising a chemical modification or a ligand.

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315. (NEW) The construct of claim 314, having at least one terminus, said terminus comprising a polynucleotide tail.

316. (NEW) The construct of claim 315, wherein said polynucleotide tail is hybridized to a complementary polynucleotide sequence.

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